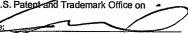


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In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed October 10, 2008, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments and remarks to put the claims in condition to be allowed. Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2 and **Remarks** begin on page 8. This Response is believed to be timely filed (with 2-month extension). In the event this paper is not timely filed, please charge any fees for extension to time for entry of this Response to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. Do not charge payment of the issue fee in response to this paper.